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Sri T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" The minimum scale of pay for an elementary school teacher is Rs. 11 per mensem. That too is subjected to a cut if the attendance of pupils diminishes. Will the Government therefore fix a minimum wage for the elementary school teachers? "

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I cannot go through all the facts incorporated in the question of the hon. Member. I suggest, Mr. Speaker, that a separate question may be put."

Sri PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" My previous question was not properly answered. The Hon. Minister has simply stated that steps are being taken. I want to know what specific steps have been taken? "

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government are considering what steps to take in the matter."

Sri P. THIMMA REDDI :—" May I know how much time the Provincial Government and the Central Government require for merging all the different grades of teachers employed in elementary schools and removing the differences existing between them now? "

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am not able to understand the meaning of the word 'merging.' If reference is made to removing the inequalities between the salaries of teachers in various schools, I may inform the hon. Member that the matter is under consideration."

Sri K. GOVINDA RAO :—" Is it not a fact that in some of the District Board schools, the teachers are not receiving their salaries for two or three months? "

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I suggest, Mr. Speaker, a separate question may be put."

Sri G. SATYANARAYANA :—" జిల్లా బోర్డు టీచర్లకు జీతాలు 2, 3 నెలలు ఆలస్యంగా అందుతున్నాయి. ఇకముందైనా అట్టి ఆలస్యం కాకుండా చేస్తారా? "

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Whenever the District Board is in trouble, the Government are advancing grants. I hope the District Board will be able to give better salaries in time."

Sri T. VISWANATHAM :—" In answer to some of the previous questions, the Hon. Minister was pleased to say that steps were being taken in the matter. I would like to know some steps which are under the consideration of the Government at the present moment."

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" For instance we are considering the scheme of provident fund-*cum*-insurance for elementary school teachers."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I have allowed more than fifteen minutes for this question. I shall now pass on to the next question."

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Withholding of gun licences in Pulivendla taluk.

* 68 *Q.*—SRI N. SIVARAMI REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that several gun licences in Pulivendla taluk, Cuddapah district, have been withheld last year, without informing the licence holders about the reasons for such withholding; and

(*b*) if so, on what grounds have they been withheld?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR:—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) The licences were cancelled as the licensing authority considered such action necessary for the security of the public peace."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI:—" May I know what exactly were the reasons? The question here asks for the reasons for the withholding. Is it that those people would be very difficult to handle if they had licence for guns with them? What are the particular reasons for which the licences were cancelled? " 8-45 a.m.

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR:—" A separate question is necessary, Sir."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI:—" The question here asks for the particular reasons."

MR. SPEAKER:—" The Hon. Minister wants a separate question to be put."

SRI N. SIVARAMI REDDI:—" My question is not answered, Sir. I wanted the grounds on which the licences were withheld."

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR:—" There were about 18 instances in which fire-arms were used by villagers in riots in those parts, and hence it was considered necessary to cancel the licences."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI:—" Will the Government consider the fact that if they were to cancel only a few of the licences like this, there would be greater discontent and it would be better that either they give licences to all the people in the area or withdraw the licences from everyone who has it now? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR:—" Government considered that the present action was necessary to prevent misuse."

SRI R. SIDDANNA GOWD:—" Are the Government satisfied that the orders of cancellation have been passed on *bona fide* grounds, or have they been actuated by malice? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR:—" An enquiry was held and the cancellation was made in pursuance of that enquiry. There is no question of malice in this matter."

Sri K. GOVINDA RAO:—"Is it a fact that a good many landlords are having gun licences in the Visakhapatnam district?"

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I do not understand the question, Sir."

Mr. SPEAKER:—"The hon. Member will repeat his question."

Sri K. GOVINDA RAO:—"May I know if the Government are aware that landlords in the Visakhapatnam district who have got gun licences are sometimes threatening their peasants that they will use their guns if they do not quit their lands when asked to do so?"

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR:—"A separate question may be put."

Sri A. M. SAMBANDAM:—"May I know whether the licences were withheld due to political reasons or because the owners were kisan organizers?"

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Nothing of that sort, Sir."

Sri C. SUBBARAYUDU:—"May I know, Sir, out of the eighteen cases where the guns were used, how many were in connexion with cases of a political character and how many were in regard to village factions?"

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR:—"In all these cases, they were used for criminal purposes and not for political purposes; so the licences were all cancelled."

Sri V. V. RAMASAMI:—"Do the Government know that the right to bear arms was one of the fundamental rights which were demanded in the course of the national movement under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi and therefore it is up to this Government to issue gun licence freely to all those people who demand it?"

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR:—"We are here concerned only with the misuse of the arms already granted."

Sri P. THIMMA REDDI:—"Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to say what has happened to the fire-arms used by the political thugs in the Krishna, Guntur and Godavari districts in the riots in some of the villages there? Have the Government collected any weapons from them, and if so, how many of them have been so collected?"

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR:—"A separate question may be put."